

**Amendments to the Specification:**

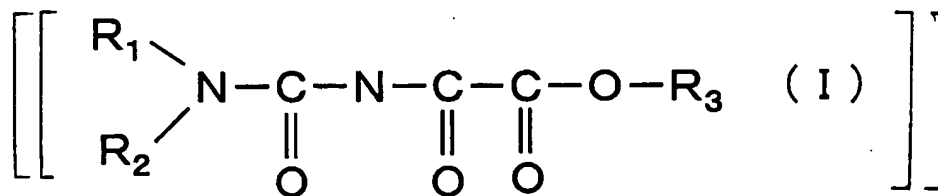
Please amend page 1, before Technical Field as follows:

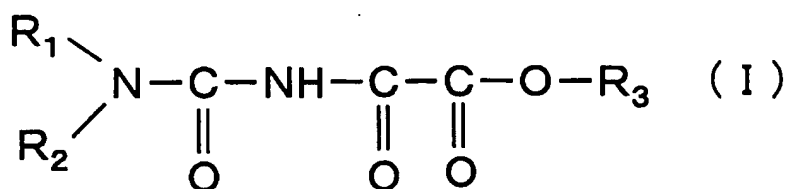
This application is a 371 U.S. national stage application of international application PCT/JP2003/011542 filed September 10, 2003, which claims priority of Japanese patent application 2002-265956 filed September 11, 2002.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

**Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention**

[0005] The present invention relates to an agent for renal failure containing at least one oxaluric acid derivative represented by the general formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an effective ingredient:





wherein each of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , which may be the same or different, is hydrogen, an alkyl group or a cycloalkyl group, or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are joined to form a heterocyclic ring with the nitrogen atom to which they are both attached, and  $R_3$  is hydrogen or an alkyl group.